

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 11 and 12 are added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks Examiner Nguyen for the courtesy extended to Applicant's representative, Mr. Luo, during the May 25, 2004 personal interview. The substance of the personal interview is incorporated in the following remarks.

Applicant respectfully requests an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the December 8, 2000 Information Disclosure Statement.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 5,937,066 to Gennaro et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that Gennaro discloses all elements recited in claims 1-10. Applicant respectfully submits that Gennaro does not disclose or suggest rendering a protected document, and performing proxy transformation on the rendered document, as recited in claims 1-10.

Gennaro discloses a key recovery system, in which secret key recovery information is trusted to a key recovery agent. See col. 10, lines 51-58. Gennaro discloses key recovery, but does not disclose or suggest (1) rendering a protected document or (2) performing proxy transformation on the rendered document. Therefore, Gennaro does not disclose or suggest rendering a protected document, and performing proxy transformation on the rendered document, as recited in claims 1-10.

Regarding the first item, the Office Action asserts that Gennaro discloses, at col. 14, lines 35-38, rendering a protected document. Applicant respectfully submits that this text merely discloses encrypting key-generating keys (KG). As discussed during the interview, encrypting the key of a protected document does not imply or necessitate rendering of the

document. Thus, this text does not disclose anything related to rendering a protected document.

Regarding the second item, the Office Action asserts that Gennaro discloses, at col. 16, lines 45-50, performing proxy transformation on the rendered document. Applicant respectfully submits that this text merely discloses encrypting/decrypting keys for the protection of optional authorization information fields. As discussed during the interview, this text is not related to, and therefore does not disclose or suggest, performing proxy transformation on the rendered document.

For at least the above reasons, Gennaro does not disclose each and every element recited in claims 1-10. Thus, Gennaro does not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1-10. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

New claims 11 and 12 are believed to be patentable at least in view of the patentability of claim 1, from which they depend, as well as for the additional features they recite.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-12 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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